gas for Uttaran Power House through adequate compression, dehydration and transportation for gas in the Bombay offshore region?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) The current production or non-associated gas is about 2.5 MMSCMD in the Western onshore and about 21 MMSCMD in the Western offshore region.

(b) and (c) This is not feasible as the gas being produced in the Western offshore region is already committed to various consumers ex-Uran, ex-Hazira, and along the HBJ pipeline.

1382. [*Transferred to the 30th July, 1992.*]

पश्चिमी बंगाल में तेल की खोज

1383. श्री विनोद शर्मा : क्या **पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि तेल और प्राकृतिक गैस आयोग लगभग पिछले दस वर्षों से पश्चिमी बंगाल के थाले में तेल की खोज का काम कर रहा है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस कार्य के लिए आयोग ने अब तक कुल कितनी धनराशि खर्च की है;

(ग) क्या वहां पर तेल मिलने की कुछ संभावनाएं हैं, और

(घ) यदि हां, तो इस क्षेत्र में पाये जाने वाले संभावित तेल की किस्म क्या है और इस क्षेत्र से तेल निकालने के संबंध में सरकार की क्या योजना है ?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री (श्री बी. शंकरानन्द) : (क) जी, हां।

(ख) 31.3.1992 तक तेल तथा प्राकृतिक गैस आयोग ने क्षेत्र में अन्वेषण गतिविधियों पर कुल 574.47 करोड़ रुपये खर्च किये हैं।

(ग) और (घ) पश्चिमी बंगाल के नदिया जिले में इच्छापुर–1 कूप से गैस तथा कंडेन्सेट मिलने का संकेत मिला है। तथापि, उत्पादन योग्य भंडारों को वाणिज्यिक रूप से स्थापित करने के लिए और अन्वेषण किए जाने की आवश्यकता है।

Naming of Railway Station after Public men

1384. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to name some of the Railway Stations of the country after prominent freedom fighters, distinguished social workers and public leaders;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) As per existing procedure, any change in the names of the existing stations can be made only on the recommendation of the State Government concerned duly concurred in by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.

No such proposal duly recommended by the State Government and concurred in by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, has been received.

Survey to introduce the Lilitpur—Singrouli Railway line

1385. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted to introduce the Lalitpur-Singhrouli Railway line;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what are the details of the budgetary provisions in this regard; and

(d) by when the work is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (d) Survey for Lalitpur-Singrauli (491 kms) has been taken up. Further action will depend on the results of the survey and availability of resources in the coming years.

Complimentary passes to freedom fighters

1386. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the complimentary card passes issued to the Freedom Fighters are not valid on Rajdhani and Shatabdi Express trains;

(b) if so, whether Government are considering to extend the validty of the passes on these trains also; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Rajdhani and Shatabdi Express trains are special type trains having different fare structure. In view of the very limited number and capacity of these trains, complimentary pass holders are not being permitted.

Book stalls agreements in Indian Railways

1387. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the sole selling rights clause had been withdrawn during the currency of all the bookstall agreements on Indian Railways as per letter No. 75 TGIII/461/19 dated 2nd January, 1976; and

(b) if so, what were the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Zonal Railways were advised *vide* Board's letter No. 75/TGIII/461/19 dated 2.1.1976 that the sole selling rights clause should be withdrawn from the agreements of all the bookstall contractors except M/s A. H. Wheeler & Co. and M/s Gulab Singh & Sons.

(b) This was done with a view to restore the right of the Railways to grant licence for bookstall to any other party.

Modernisation of Kurla railway station

1388. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Railway has developed a third terminal of modern design station near Kurla Station as published in the Sandhya Times dated the 13th February, 1992;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a sum of Rs. 50 crores is likely to be spent for construction of new passenger platforms and other allied facilities at Bombay V.T. Station as stated by the General Manager of Central Railway; and

(c) what are the details of stations seelcted for modernisation and construction of new passengers platform in the next three years in Central and Western Railways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Modernisation of stations including construction of new platforms is a continuous process and the same is done as per traffic needs, subject to overall availability of funds on year to year basis.